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Novel, a shady character, was a N.O. FBI until his involvement in the Garrison matter appears to have caused the FBI to terminate that official arrangement. However, multitudinous records reveal that it was in touch with him extensively and through many field offices, including at the time he was a fugitive, a charge the FBI did not lay on him. It was content, for its own political purposes, to receive information that often enough was disinformation, which it promptly used as real fact.

62-109060-7014, not attached, is of eight pages. I appeal the withholdings from it. Novel was very much a public person.

The last paragraph on page two refers to records not provided, a file captioned "TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTER MEASURES, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL." Novel's involvement in such matters, which is within the public domain, are pertinent to the JFK investigation and to the Garrison case.

The most recent report of Novel in such a role, of which I have knowledge, is the plan to erase the White House tapes for Charles Colson.

Other files including Novel and not searched but referred to in other records include files relating to Carlos Marcello, again pertinent, more so since the HSCA's report.

Also for your information, when Novel was careless and left three attache cases full of gear and tapes in a rental car and the FBI obtained them it did nothing. The records I've seen make no reference to any question of any law violation.

7014 discloses that Novel had been a "Nazi Storm Trooper."